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Testimony in Support of:

SB 866 CONNECTICUT WINE FESTIVALS

Submitted by: Donald Tuller, President, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.

Senator Doyle, Representative Taborsak, members of the General Law Committee:

The real winners if you pass SB 866 will be Connecticut Wine Enthusiasts, out of state visitors that will plan their visits to Connecticut in order to attend such events, and the rest of Connecticut's Hospitality Industry. These events will be a boost for Connecticut Tourism, and quite frankly, a boost is needed. There are enough Connecticut Farm Wine Producers to make such a festival quite an event. We urge your support of SB 866.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. Don Tuller Connecticut Farm Bureau Association